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SUBJECT: UNESCO: BELGIUM PREFERS OWN INITIATIVE ON ISRAELI QUESTION

REF A. STATE 191153, B. BURSELS 7858

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BARON DE SELYS TOLD US SEPT 9 THAT BELGIUM WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION IN UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD ALONG THE LINES OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF A), COPY OF WHICH WE HAD LEFT WITH HIM AUGUST 27. HE SAID THAT HE AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON HAD DISCUSSED ISRAEL/UNESCO ISSUE TWICE ON TELEPHONE SEPT 8 AND 9 AND HAD DETERMINED NOT TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION AT UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD BECAUSE (A) US DRAFT RESOLUTION HAD POOR CHANCE OF BEING ULTIMATELY SUCCESSFUL, AND (B) BELGIUM WISHED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO ISRAELI DEMARCHE (REF B). HE ADDED THAT WERE A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED, BELGIUM WOULD SUPPORT IT.

2. BELGIAN INITIATIVE: DE SELYS TOLD US THAT BELGIAN UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE IN PARIS WOULD INTRODUCE FOR DISCUSSION IDEA OF DIFFERENT TYPE OF RESOLUTION AT MEETING OF EC-9 UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE TODAY. HE STATED THAT BELGIAN RESOLUTION WOULD CONTAIN CONCEPT
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SIMILAR TO IDEA YUGOSLAVES PUT FORTH IN JANUARY: THAT DECISION

AS TO WHICH COUNTRIES ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO WHICH REGIONAL GROUP
IS TO BE DETERMINED ONLY BY THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE IN THAT
REGIONAL GROUP.

3. DE SELYS SAID HE AND DAVIGNON WERE CONFIDENT THAT ABOVE TYPE
RESOLUTUION WOULD HAVE GREATER CHANCE OF EFFECTING ULTIMATE
INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN EUROPEAN GROUP BECAUSE SUCH A RESOLUTION
WAS EMINENTLY LOGICAL AND THUS DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE, WHILE AT
SAME TIME IT APPEALED TO OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS (HE CITED AS
EXAMPLE LATIN AMERICA) WHO LIKE TO BE MASTERS OF THEIR OWN
REGIONAL AFFAIRS. HE ADDED THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
OPPOSE THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION. RENNER

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